

The Watchman and Southron.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 1897.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

The Sumter Dry Goods Co.—New Goods, Good News.
W. M. Graham—Just Arrived 25 Head Horses and Mules.
The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York—Statement.
J. Ryttenberg & Sons—From New York to Sumter Direct.

ATTENTION.

The attention of subscribers of this paper is requested to the dates following their address on paper. The date indicates the time to which subscription is paid to. Sometimes errors occur in changing dates or in failure to change, in which case by calling attention thereto your date will be made right. But there are some dates that have not been changed for a considerable time and which need changing—the printer also needs the change necessary to make the change of date. Bills have been sent to some of the parties referred to, and those who responded promptly are hereby thanked. There are some others that we are waiting on and hoping to thank very soon.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Phil Miller spent Sunday in the city.
Miss DeLeon, of Charleston, is visiting Mrs. Marion Moore.
Rev. Father Budds, of Charleston, is in the city visiting friends.
Mr. W. W. DesChamps, of Wisacky, spent Monday on the city.
Mrs. Jas. H. Daw, of Philadelphia, is visiting relatives in this city.
Mr. McDonald Furman spent last week in the city attending Court.
Mr. Miles H. Plowden returned to his home at Moncks Corner yesterday.
Mr. Nell O'Donnell has returned from a business trip to New York.
Mr. Abe Ryttenberg, after two weeks stay in New York, has returned home.
Miss Nina Moore, after a stay of several weeks in Charleston, has returned home.
Mr. and Mrs. Theo Dehon, of Greenville, are spending a few days in the city with friends.
Mr. J. T. Gilbert, a native of this city, but now a resident of Chicago, Ill., is in the city visiting relatives.
Miss Lollie Brewer who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. F. C. Williams, left Monday for her home in Waycross, Ga.
Miss Mabel Dye has returned to her home in Charleston, after a stay of two weeks with the family of Capt. B. G. Pierson.
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Scudder, of Boston, Mass., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Burns. Mrs. Burns is their niece.
Mrs. P. Cantwell, who has been visiting the family of R. P. Monaghan, returned to her home in Columbia yesterday morning.
Mrs. W. T. Earle, of Greenville, is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. Hill. Miss Mary Hill who has spent several months in Greenville accompanied Mrs. Earle.
Mr. W. R. Delgar, who has been on the Northern market for the last two weeks, purchasing goods for Brown, Cuttino & Delgar, arrived home last Thursday night.

For Nitrate of Soda, see Harby & Co.
Dr. Leo is in the city and will spend a week or two at home.
Mr. Howard Moore is going on crutches, the result of a fall and sprained ankle.
The buildings of the Independent Ice Co. have been completed and a portion of the plant has been installed.
Births reported to Health Officer Beardon for past week, ending Friday, March 12, are: White, three males; colored, one male and one female.
The recent term of Court costs the county about \$1,000. The total may be a little more or less, but the round figure will not be far from that amount.

Now is the time to advertise, and the progressive and enterprising merchants know it. It is the firm that advertises that gets the cream of the cash trade.
A fire alarm box has been put up at the corner of Main and Liberty streets, from which the alarm can be run in both reel houses before the fire bell is rung.
The board of directors of the Peoples Ice Mfg. Co., has elected Mr. W. Waites Reese, of Statesburg, superintendent, and Mr. W. J. Hudson, assistant superintendent.

The average American citizen is more deeply interested in the outcome of the prize fight on St. Patrick's day than in the foreign or internal policy of McKinley.

The reduction in freight rates from this city to points on the Camden Branch will, it is to be hoped, prove beneficial to the merchants and other shippers and enable them to extend and increase their trade in that direction.

The merchants of Sumter are unusually hopeful and are looking forward to a heavy spring trade. The stores are filled with new goods and the window displays compare favorably with any to be seen in the large cities.

The dress rehearsal of "Damon and Pythias" has been changed to Thursday night, to avoid conflict with Culhane's Comedy Company, which has an engagement in the Opera House that night.

To-day is St. Patrick's Day, and it was observed in this city by the usual services. The compatriots of the immortal Irishman delight in honoring his memory, and there is no place too far removed from the Emerald Isle for Irishmen to forget the day.

Hollywood Camp, Woodmen of the World, has received special permission to extend the time until the 18th for receiving new members at a reduced rate. This was granted in order that a number of new members may be received on the same terms granted those who joined during the last few months.

Mr. Frank Winn, the recently appointed constable of Magistrate Wells, is already having experience. His account of a recent trip to and from Providence is full of quaint humor, and it is all the more humorous since the narrator perceived but little in the experience. It's his story, so the writer will leave him to tell it.

From Cripple Creek.

After the big fire in Cripple Creek, I took a very severe cold and tried many remedies without help, the cold only becoming more settled. After using three small bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, both the cough and cold left me, and in this high altitude it takes a meritorious cough remedy to do any good.—G. B. HENDERSON, editor Daily Advertiser. For sale by A. J. China.

DEATHS.

Mrs. M. H. Plowden, wife of Miles H. Plowden, formerly of this county, died at their home near Moncks Corner, Berkeley county, last Thursday. The body was brought to this city for interment. The deceased lady was Miss Gamble of this county, and a sister of Mrs. L. W. Folsom of this city.

Mrs. N. W. Edmunds, Jr., died at the residence of Mr. Lawrence Scott, her uncle, in Richland County on Sunday. She leaves her husband, the eldest son of Dr. Edmunds, of this city, and three little children—the oldest of whom is about five years of age—the oldest of whom Dr. Edmunds went over to mourn her loss. Dr. Edmunds went over to Richmond Monday morning. The cause of Mrs. Edmunds' death was pneumonia. Her three little children left without a mother's love, is a circumstance that makes her death particularly sad.

DEATH OF J. R. LIGON.

Branchville, March 12.—Mr. J. R. Ligon, an esteemed citizen of Branchville, died yesterday after a lingering illness. Mr. Ligon came to Branchville from Sumter county about 1861, and accepted a position with the South Carolina Railroad company as agent and operator, which position he has held continuously until his recent illness. He was considered to be one of the best agents in the road's employ. He was an active member of the Knights of Honor, in which order he carried several thousand dollars insurance on his life. He leaves a wife and two sons, A. C. and J. R. Ligon, Jr. The bereaved family has the sympathy of the entire community.

Great Bargains

In Tin Ware, No-rust Tin Ware and Agate Ware, are to be had on the bargain days of the Sumter China Hall, Friday and Saturday March 19 and 20. Don't fail to call and be convinced. THOS S. ROGAN, Prop.

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The Court of Common Pleas adjourned sine die Friday afternoon and Judge Klugh left Saturday morning for his home in Abbeville.

Mr. G. E. Richardson, of the Sumter Marble Works, received a letter a few days ago from a gentleman in another county stating that he had made his will in which there was a provision that the contract for erecting a monument over his grave should be given to Mr. Richardson. The writer of the letter is an old man and is setting his house in order preparatory to his death.

One of the pleasantest meetings of the Nondescript club yet held was that at the residence of Mrs. G. U. Graham Thursday evening. The feature of the evening was a flower party, but the musical programme arranged by the hostess added greatly to the enjoyment of the large number of members who were present.

The Court of Common Pleas during Thursday and Friday was occupied with the cases of Garret vs. Wineberg and China vs. the City of Sumter. The first mentioned case has been in the courts for a long time and has twice been carried to the Supreme Court and twice sent back for new trials. After a day spent in legal sparring the case was put off to next term. The other case grew out of damage to a carriage by driving into a post put upon the side of the Stateburg road by Street Commissioner Tribble. The jury awarded Dr. China \$70 damages. After the conclusion of the case, the jury was discharged.

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The sooner you begin to fight the fire, the more easily it may be extinguished. The sooner you begin taking Ayer's Sarsaparilla for blood-disease, the easier will be the cure. In both cases, delay is dangerous, if not fatal. Be sure you get Ayer's and no other.

The County Board of Commissioners have been called to meet to-day to reconsider and revise the plans for repairing and remodeling the Court House. It has been found, after close scrutiny, that the plans and specifications adopted do not call for safety vaults for the storage of records that will be fire proof, and as the chief object of the contemplated repairs is to provide fire proof vaults for the county records the revision of the plans is necessary. It is expected that the new township boards will have been organized by that time and that it will be possible for the new county board to be organized at the meeting to-day.

The Mormon missionaries are actively at work in all sections of the State distributing tracts and other Mormon literature. There are said to be converts in nearly every county in the State, and that the proselytes increase monthly. At last accounts there were two elders at work in Sumter and Clarendon counties, in both of which they have made a few converts to the faith of Joe Smith and Brigham Young.

The Railroad Commission has written to the Atlantic Coast Line that a test case must be brought into the Court to settle the question whether any of the subordinate lines in the system are parallel and competing within the legal meaning of the term. This point must be determined beyond doubt before the reorganization provided for in the charter granted by the Legislature can be consummated. It would be the easiest matter imaginable to bring a case between the W. C. & A. and the portion of the old C. S. & N., now known as the M. & A., between this place and Darlington.

For Nitrate of Soda, see Harby & Co.

Why will you buy bitter nauseating tonics when Grove's Tasteless Chili Tonic is as pleasant as Lemon Syrup. Your druggist is authorized to refund the money in every case where it fails to cure. Price, 50 cents.

Mr. Eugene Ingram has been elected assistant chief of the Abbeville Fire Department which was re-organized last week. Mr. Ingram was an enthusiastic member of the Sumter department before he removed to Abbeville and is fully acquainted with the duties of the position to which he has been elected. He will do his share toward making the Abbeville department efficient and a credit to the place.

The Ohio River & Charleston Railroad appears to meet business in connection with the proposed extension to Spartanburg, and is getting everything in shape to commence work, but as far as can be ascertained at present nothing is being done towards commencing work on the Sumter extension. Perhaps that, too, may be undertaken in time. It is well known that the O. R. & C. people are anxious to secure a connection with the A. C. L., and as Sumter is the nearest and most advantageous point at which they can tap the A. C. L. system, it is but a question of time before the road from Camden will be built.

Dangers of The Grip

The greatest danger from La Grippe is of its resulting in pneumonia. If reasonable care is used, however, and Chamberlain's Cough Remedy taken, all danger will be avoided. Among the tens of thousands who have used this remedy for La Grippe, we have yet to learn of a single case having resulted in pneumonia, which shows conclusively that this remedy is a certain preventive of that dread disease. It will effect a permanent cure in less time than any other treatment. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by Dr. A. J. China.

RELIGIOUS.

Rev. W. J. Dowell will preach at Providence next Sunday at 11 a. m. and at Bethesda at 4.30 p. m.

Special Notice.

Dr. C. C. Brown's lecture at Wedgefield on "Matrimony," has been postponed to the night of the 25th at 8 o'clock.

Dr. Sam A. Steel in Sumter.

Rev. S. A. Steel, D. D., will lecture in the Methodist church at 8:30 p. m. Thursday on the "Pioneers of Methodism." The lecture will be free, and the public is cordially invited to hear this famous lecturer on one of his favorite themes. Dr. Steel is one of the most eloquent men in the South, and those who hear him will always be glad of the privilege. Be sure to hear him if you have to make some sacrifice.

Read the new ad. of the Sumter Dry Goods Co. This popular establishment seems to be headquarters for the fair shoppers every bright day, and no doubt those who fail to see their new stock will miss seeing many pretty things.

The Florence Daily Times announces that it will suspend publication on account of insufficient patronage. A daily paper is a very good thing for a town, but the publisher cannot afford to foot the bills out of his own pocket. The trouble lies not in the lack of readers but in the want of paying subscribers. There are too many who borrow the paper and probably enjoy reading it all the more inasmuch as it costs them nothing.

The Daily Times of Florence yesterday makes the following announcement: We are pleased to announce that the Daily Times has taken a new hold upon life. In our canvass we have met with encouragement sufficient to justify us in continuing its publication at least for a time. While we have not seen all the business men, it must be understood that our canvass has not ended, and that every effort will be put forth to make the Daily Times a fixture in this city.

The committee on settlement reported a plan of winding up the affairs of the Peoples Building and Loan association to the adjourned meeting of stockholders held in the Y. M. C. A. hall Monday afternoon, which was adopted without discussion. The plan submitted provides that the Association continue for seven months longer and that the regular payments shall continue during that period. The money will be loaned on the regular B. & L. plan to stockholders, and any who desire to do so may anticipate the payments and have their bonds and mortgages cancelled now or at any time before the end of the period.

Treasurer Scarborough is now hard at work making out executions against delinquent taxpayers, and as the job is a big one he will be kept busy for some time. In addition to the regular work of making out executions he, in conjunction with Auditor Wilder, is going over the books for the purpose of removing from the books the names of persons that should not be on the books. It has been found that there are many persons on the books, perhaps several thousand, who have had executions issued against them year after year, while they are either dead, removed from the county, or should never have had their names on the books at all. Each year the executions have been issued and returned to the office as nulla bona or non est. The task of revising the tax books and purging them of the names of dead men is a heavy and tedious one, but when it has been completed, both the Auditor and Treasurer will be relieved of a great deal of unnecessary labor in future.

A detailed report of the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight will be received at the Nixon House to-day, and those who are interested in the combat will be able to watch the progress of the fight battle by rounds. The result will be published in *Daily Item* inasmuch as it is news in which a large proportion of its patrons are interested. The average man does not approve of prize fights, but he has just enough curiosity to want to know all about them, and in the case of the present slugging match they want to know exactly how it is done. The *Item* will give the news with sufficient fullness to satisfy a majority of its readers. Those who desire the minute details will have to wait for the Police Gazette. It will be the earliest report published in this section of the State, and it is obtained at considerable expense in order that it may be given to the public while it is news.

Report of the Mutual Life for 1896.

The continuous, magnificent growth of The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York has for many decades been a source of pride to its army of policyholders and of wonder to those interested in social economies throughout the civilized world. In many respects The Mutual Life stands alone as to its position. There is nothing like it. Its Annual Report of business for the year ending December 31, 1896, the full details of which are now in the hands of the New York State Insurance Department, shows that the Company possesses net assets aggregating \$234,744,184.22. The books of the Company indicate, according to its own standard of policy valuation, a much larger sum than that, but this year the report is made in conformity with the requirements of the State Department, which excludes assets that are not realized upon, but which are proper to regard as ultimately good and available. The liabilities on the risks in force amount to \$205,010,633.72, leaving a surplus fund of \$29,733,550.50. This shows an increase in admitted assets during 1896, according to the New York standard, of \$15,040,005.22, an increase in surplus of \$2,833,467.06.

The total income of the Company for the year was \$49,792,695.27. The amount paid to policyholders aggregated \$25,437,563.50. Since the date of its organization, in 1843, The Mutual Life Insurance Company has paid to living members \$258,959,451.53, and to the beneficiaries of deceased members \$178,045,743.76, making a total of \$437,003,195.29. The Company has insurance in force amounting to over \$918,000,000.

Reduced Freight Rates.

The Board of Railroad Commissioners have caused to be put into effect a reduced joint freight rate between Sumter and stations on the Camden Branch of the S. C. & Ga. R. R. that will be of great benefit to the business men of this city.

The rates for classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, A, B, C, D, E, F, H, J, K, to Kinzville, Wateree, Middleton, Dixie and Claremont are as follows: .36, .34, .29, .23, .21, .18, .14, .16, .13, .12, .19, .26, .28, .15, .11, per 100 lbs.

On the same classes the rates to Sockton, Hagood and Boykins are: .41, .38, .32, .26, .22, .19, .16, .18, .14, .13, .22, .27, .31, .16, .13, per 100 lbs.

Same classes to Camden: .45, .40, .35, .30, .24, .21, .17, .21, .14, .14, .24, .29, .30, .20, .14, per 100 lbs.

Rate to Kingville, Wateree, Middleton, Dixie and Claremont on classes L and M, 83, 1.72 per ton; classes N, O, P, 18.43, 16.00, 14.40 per car of 29,000 lbs.; class R, 12 per 100 lbs.; rosin .69 per 100 lbs.; class T, (for fertilizers) 1.60 per ton, leaf tobacco .14 per 100 lbs.

Bishopville Burned.

DISASTROUS FIRE ON SATURDAY NIGHT.

Shortly after 10 o'clock Saturday night, Lee's Drug Store was discovered to be on fire. The flames soon spread to the store of W. J. Bramlett and thence to the Masonic Hall. The fire was beyond control from the first, and nothing could be done to stay its progress. In addition to the buildings mentioned, the Opera House, the largest building in the business portion of the town, was burned. Also two unoccupied store buildings and the stores occupied by W. B. Carnes and T. J. Joye.

The loss will be heavy as there was comparatively little insurance on the buildings and stocks of goods.

T. J. Joye had \$2,000 on his stock, but this amount does not cover his loss. A portion of his goods were removed from the burning building, but were almost ruined by the heavy rain which fell during the night.

There was \$500 insurance on the stock in Lee's drug store.

W. J. Bramlett is said to have had \$1,000 insurance, but he was not seen to confirm the statement.

The Opera House, owned by A. C. Durant, was partially insured.

The Masonic Lodge and Knights of Pythias Lodge, which jointly occupied the Masonic hall, were heavy losers, both having recently purchased new furniture and paraphernalia, which was a total loss.

The dispensary was a heavy loser from breakage in removing stock from building, which was in serious danger of burning.

The heavy rain was the only thing that prevented a much more disastrous conflagration, for had not the buildings been saturated the flames would undoubtedly have made a clean sweep of the business section of the place.

The total loss aggregates between \$10,000 and \$12,000, and this is a conservative estimate.

A Triple Wedding

Manning, March 11.—A triple wedding took place at the home of Auditor J. Elbert Davis last night. Miss Alice, eldest daughter of Auditor Davis, was married to Mr. E. C. Cooksey of the Wilson's section of the county, and Miss Lizzie, another daughter, was united in marriage to Mr. Hunter of St. Paul's. The Rev. W. J. Snyder, a young minister of the Methodist conference, now located in Abbeville county, has been under stood to be betrothed with Miss Bessie Davis, a first cousin of the two mentioned, and a few days ago he arrived and last night after the other ceremonies, they were married also, and thus the happy six were made three.

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COMPANY OF NEW YORK

RICHARD A. MCCURDY, PRESIDENT

STATEMENT
For the year ending December 31 1896
According to the Standard of the Insurance Department of the State of New York

INCOME.
Received for Premiums - \$32,592,414.20
From all other sources - 10,199,281.07

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Policyholders for Claims by Death - \$12,595,113.39
To Policyholders for Endowments, Dividends, etc. - 12,542,456.11
For all other accounts - 10,781,905.64

\$36,219,575.14

ASSETS.

United States Bonds and other Securities - \$110,125,082.15
First lien Loans on Bond and Mortgage - 71,344,929.56
Loans on Stocks and Bonds - 11,091,625.00
Real Estate - 22,707,068.65
Cash in Banks and Trust Companies - 12,630,290.00
Accrued Interest, Net Deferred Premiums, etc. - 6,335,555.06

Reserve for Policies and other Liabilities - 205,010,633.72

Surplus - \$29,733,550.50

Insurance and Annuities in Force - \$918,098,238.45

I have carefully examined the foregoing Statement and find the same to be correct; liabilities calculated by the Insurance Department.

CHAS. A. PELLER, Auditor

From the Surplus a dividend will be apportioned as usual.

ROBERT A. CRANNING, Vice-President
WALTER M. GILLETTE, General Manager
ISAAC F. LLOYD, ad Vice-President
FREDERIC CRONWELL, Treasurer
EMORY MCCLINTOCK, Actuary

F. H. HYATT, General Agent,
COLUMBIA, S. C.

THE BANK OF SUMTER,

SUMTER, S. C.

City and County Depository.

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W. F. B. HAYNSWORTH, President.
W. F. RAME, Cashier
Jan 13.

Notice!

THE co-partnership existing between Peterson & Cutbert has been dissolved by mutual consent. Ned Peterson will continue the business at the same stand. With an experience of twenty-eight years in the Cabinet Shop of Mr. J. D. Craig, he is well qualified to conduct a business of this kind. Cleaning and repairing furniture, specialties. The preparing and dressing of dead bodies for burial will be promptly and carefully attended to.

Shop opposite the Episcopal Church.
NED PETERSON.
Mch 17.

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Best Cough Syrup. Tastes Good. Use in time. Sold by druggists.

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Our matchless methods of work levies tribute upon the looms of every nation.

Our entire stock is open for inspection, and we are prepared to show all the novelties in Cotton, Silk and Wool, which are to be seen this season. The indications are that this will be a great sheer-goods season, and in justice to yourself, see the pretty things in French Organdies, Tissues, Lappets, Grenadines, Mohairs, Foulard and Taffeta Silks, &c., before deciding that important question, viz:

WHAT MUST I PURCHASE FOR MY EASTER SUIT?

A trim figure is a gift of nature. That is all very true, so far as it goes. The woman who does not look trim on the street has herself or her dressmaker to blame for it. The art to complete a trim figure lies in the dressmaking, and this truth is exemplified in our Dress Making Department.

We are controlling eight lines of White Goods, which are from 10 to 25 per cent. under value. Call and get samples and prices for comparison. They will do you good.

SEEING IS BELIEVING. COME AND BE CONVINCED.

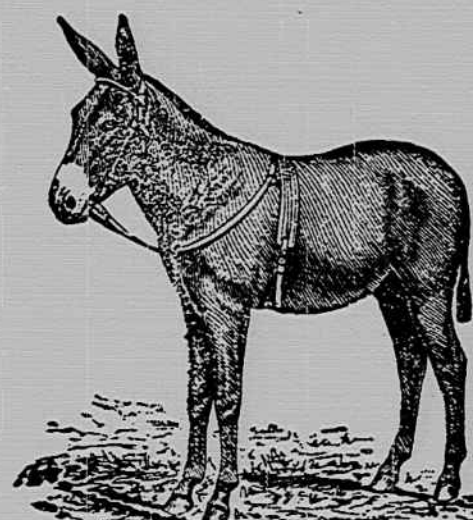
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Sumter, S. C., March 8, 1896.